



TRADITIONAL TURKISH GAME MANGALA ADDED TO UNESCO LIST

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With a history of five centuries in Turkic regions, "mangala" (or mancala) is still popular in small Turkish towns. The board game is played with 48 stones and two people - or in groups. On a game board,

there are six identical pits arranged in two rows, which together make up 12 pits and there are big storage wells - storages, in which players will collect stones.

The strategy game has also different variations in some African countries.

Some studies have shown that 'Mangala'-like games can be found from Africa to Asia, and has even been found on some Pacific islands. More than 800 types of traditional 'Mangala'-like games are known. Many of these games share commonalities in general game play.

According to the rules set by World Nomad Games, the game begins with a drawing of lots. Players distribute all 48 stones in 12 pits that each pit has four stones. Storage wells remain empty. Six small pits lying in front of each player is the area of that player. Six pits lying in front of him is the area of his opponent. The player's aim is to collect as much stones as they can in their storage wells. The one who has the most number of stones at the end of the game is the winner.

READ THE TEXT AND CHOOSE TRUE OR FALSE

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1. Mangala is a Turkish intelligence and strategy board game that is usually played by two persons or in groups.

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2. The board game is played with 45 stones and two people - or in groups.

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3. According to the rules set by World Nomad Games, the game begins with a handshake.

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4. The one who has the most number of stones at the end of the game is the winner.

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